

INEEL Water Integration Project Meeting Minutes

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Safety Share

This week is Driving Safety Week. Jeff shared some statistics on motor vehicle safety and suggested we could all benefit from taking the safe driving test at www.safedrivingtest.com.

Overview of Building Stakeholder Capacity Educational Initiatives

Jan provided a summary of the results of the University of Idaho research on Community Interest and INEEL Operations. An important preliminary finding is that only 6% of all respondents indicated that they are both aware of and have accessed or participated in INEEL public involvement opportunities while 45-62% were unaware of various opportunities.

Julie Scanlin provided a summary of activities related to the Groundwater Awareness Project. A Core Planning Team has been formed and will be holding their next meeting on June 5th in Boise. The Team is interdisciplinary with representatives of agencies and user groups interested in groundwater and the education community. A first step was to identify the audience for the project and the outreach tools and presentation methods that will be most useful to them. Municipal leaders, secondary teachers, and the general public were rated as the most important audiences and a number of different tools and methods were identified for the various audiences. (A copy of the summary of this information is attached to these minutes.)

The Core Planning Team will be discussing a mission statement, work plan, and funding (including partnerships, in-kind contributions) for the project at the meeting on Thursday. A draft work plan for review should be complete by July 5th. Feedback from the Water Integration Project, DOE-ID, and others will be incorporated by the end of August.

Action Log

Erick will follow up on the technical edit and review of the knowledge search white paper.

Jeff has received the draft revised Tour Guide and it is being reviewed at DOE-ID. This should be complete by Tuesday, June 10th.

The review of the draft INEEL Groundwater/Vadose Zone Monitoring Report should be complete by June 30th.

The July monthly meeting will be a progress report on the Source Term effort and will be on July 9th due to the holiday.

The August 6th monthly meeting will be an overview of the Detailed Work Plan. Erick Neher and/or Doug Vandel will lead this meeting.

Science Strategies

A meeting was held with Mike Wright and Steve Kowall regarding the December workshop. The effort to complete validation of research needs and to coordinate funding options will be incorporated into the workshop. This work will also be coordinated with Eric Williams.

External Review

A review of the Water Integration Project will be held on July 10th with a goal of obtaining near-term guidance from INEEL internal vested interests (i.e., is the project on track and relevant to needs?). Reviewers will include Mike Graham, Harold Blackman, Katie Hain, and Linda McCoy.

An external review committee will be convened later which will focus on a technical and strategic review.

Hydrogeology Tours Preparation

The draft guide is being reviewed at DOE-ID. A dry run will be held next week - June 12th - to refine the new stops and presentations. Jeff noted that he and Katie Hain will be going along on the dry run. The latest draft of the tour guide will be available for those attending the dry run. The CAB tour needs to be coordinated with Cultural Resources and it was suggested that since they have already toured the GEM project that could be eliminated to open up time for another stop.

Other Business

Joe Rousseau passed out a notice for a seminar on verification and validation of ground-water models and asked for assistance on publicizing the seminar. Marilynne will submit it to iNotes and see that it is circulated to WIP partners and stakeholders.

Jeff asked that the pieces of the work plan that were eliminated due the funding reduction be kept in mind as new work plans are developed and alternative funding opportunities are identified.

Adjourned at 2:15 p.m. Next meeting will be June 11th, 1 p.m.

Rating Summary of Audiences

Audience Name	No. of Respondents Rating Each Audience	No. of Respondents Rating Audiences 1, 2 or 3	Mean Average of Rating for Each Audience
Municipal Leaders	8	6	8.1
Teachers – Sec.	8	6	7.9
General Public	8	5	5.6
Water Users	7	4	7.3
Sec. Students	5	2	5.8
Teachers Elem	7	3	5.6
College Students	8	1	5.4
Resource Managers	6	1	4.3
Sci/Tech/Engineers	5	0	3.4
Youth Groups	3	0	1.3
Others:			
Media	2	2	2
Museums/Libraries	3	0	5.3

Rating of Methods For Each Audience

Municipal Leaders

White Papers
Guest Speakers

Portable Display
Tours

Teachers Secondary

Curriculum Development
Teacher Training Workshops
Teacher Camps

Website
Student Projects
Instructional Models

General Public

Guest Speakers
White Papers/Brochures
Tours

Public Seminars
Website
Focus Groups

Portable Display

All Groups

Website
Guest Speakers

Portable Display

Whitepapers